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Assistant Director, ORR

11 December 1951

General Counsel

Reimbursement to Other Agencies for Research and Surveys

OGC Has Reviewed

1. Returned herewith is the Department of Agriculture memorandum you left with me as an example of the type of work you plan to have done outside the Agency in the future.

2. I have discussed this matter with the Comptroller and we are in agreement that there is no objection to reimbursement to such agencies for costs incurred in completing research or surveys required by CIA. Each project of this nature should, however, be reviewed by the Comptroller and, if he believes necessary, by this office to assure that we are not subject to criticism for improper supplementation of outside appropriations. With the Comptroller's concurrence, we suggest that the easiest way to handle this is to make the best estimate the present information allows on the agencies to be used and the amounts involved in each case, and to submit the total for approval as a program subject to internal adjustment as may be deemed necessary for the individual projects under the program. Such individual projects would be submitted in detail for approval by whatever officer is specified in the program, either yourself, the DDCI, or someone comparable.

3. In preparing each project the Comptroller and this office will provide a formal agreement adapted to the particular circumstances. Upon approval of the project the Comptroller would obligate the funds and make the necessary arrangements for transfer. Once underway I do not believe this proposal would be cumbersome and would be well-suited to what you wish to accomplish.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

OGC/LRH:iam

Distribution:

Orig. - Addressee

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Attachment - Department of Agriculture memorandum

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